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THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I cannot off-hand give information. But I remember a few mills in Malabar were exempted from this rate because they were not able to submit to the Enquiry Committee their balance sheets and there was some such difficulty. If the hon. Member gives the names of the companies, I shall be able to furnish the necessary information."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" The question of printing and publishing the report apart, have the Government examined the final recommendations of the committee and have they accepted any of the recommendations? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" As I said, the Government are examining it and we can come to a conclusion only after the examination is over."

Works Committees in Visakhapatnam district.

* 932 *Q.*—SRI K. GOVINDA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) in how many industrial concerns in Visakhapatnam district " Works Committees " were constituted;

(*b*) of them how many are functioning; and

(*c*) how many are defunct?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) Works Committees were constituted in Visakhapatnam in 10 industrial concerns.

" (*b*) Out of 10 Works Committees only three are actively functioning in (1) The Chittivalasa Jute Mills Company, Limited, Chittivalasa, (2) The Nellimarla Jute Mills Company, Limited, Nellimarla, (3) The Vizagapatam Sugars and Refineries, Limited, Anakapalli.

" (*c*) Works Committees in three industrial concerns have ceased to function, (1) The Anakapalli Match Company, Kasimkota, (2) The Gajapathy Salt Factory, Pudimadaka, (3) The Vizianagaram Press and Mills Company, Limited, Vizianagaram."

SRI K. GOVINDA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, the main functions of these Works Committees? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Works Committees are expected to look into the grievances as put forward by the workers themselves and try to settle these differences on a bipartite basis having discussions with the representatives of the management in the Works Committees."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" May I know the opinion of the Hon. Minister about the work of these Works Committees? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member can put a question on the policy of the Government, but cannot ask for the opinion of a Minister."

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Dr. K. B. MENON :—" Have these Works Committees been working satisfactorily in the State? "

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Yes, Sir, in many institutions they have been working very satisfactorily. '

Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" Recently the Government have passed an order that before any dispute goes to the Conciliation Board, it must go to the Works Committee. Now, many Works Committees have got their own constitutions and in many constitutions the representatives of the managements are given the veto power and in certain constitutions there is a rule that the discussion should be for one hour. So, consistent with the recent Government Order, will the Government be pleased to see that the Works Committees have their own constitutions and that the workers are given a chance to represent the matter to the Works Committees? For the efficient working of these Works Committees, will the Government be pleased also to change the constitutions suitably? "

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, the very purpose of the Works Committee is to enable the workers to put their case effectively before the managements. If it is brought to the notice of the Government that managements are not co-operating in this respect, certainly Government will take action."

Cancellation of teaching certificates.

* 940 *Q.*—Sri T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state how many teaching certificates were suspended or cancelled in the State as per Madras Educational Rule 154, during 1948–51, for the alleged communistic activities and how many restored till now?

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" A total number of 398 certificates had been either suspended or cancelled for participation in communistic activities out of which 287 certificates have been restored till now and the rest are under consideration."

Sri T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—" Sir, the number of certificates cancelled or suspended as given by the Hon. Minister is not correct. The number is still larger. Is it not a fact that under Rule 154 of the Madras Elementary Education Rules, the Director of Public Instruction should personally examine and conduct an enquiry into the report made against the teacher concerned either by the management or by the Deputy Inspector? Why were not these mandatory provisions followed in cancelling or suspending the certificates? "

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The Government will try to liberalize the whole matter. The Government will try and give as much attention to the requirements